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Everybody Likes Book

Dear Editor:

I would like to let you know how much I appreciate *The Free Will Baptist Story*. I have been converted almost eighteen years and have always wanted to know the beginning of the Free Will Baptist movement. The book should be read by every member of our denomination and then the churches should conduct a study course on it. I like all of the pictures, but am especially proud of the one of Benjamin Randall.

To the author and all who helped make the book possible, I say thank you.

Miss Faye Peacock
Panama City, Fla.

Dear Editor:

I like the history real well. I hope many will avail themselves of the opportunity to learn some of the things about us which are little known, especially our connection with the General Baptists.

Rev. Earlin Haskins
Ada, Okla.

Dear Editor:

I ordered a copy of *The Free Will Baptist Story* and am immensely pleased with it. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Brother Dodd for compiling this history for us.

Mrs. Ada Wilson
Bladenboro, N. C.

Dear Editor:

I recommend very highly to all Free Will Baptists the story which Brother Dodd has written. The author is to be commended for the painstaking labor which he put forth in writing such a commendable book.

Rev. I. W. Yandell
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Editor:

I received my copy of *The Free Will Baptist Story* recently and recommend it to our people. It made me appreciate our denomination all the more, knowing the hardships and difficulties our forefathers had in their struggle to bring our denomination where it is today. I thank God for those "trail-blazers." I am wondering if this book could be used as a study course book in the Woman's Auxiliaries?

Mrs. Bertha Rushing
Sapulpa, Okla.

Copies of *The Free Will Baptist Story* are still available. The book contains 200 pages, including 16 pages of pictures. The price is \$3.00 and it should be ordered from Free Will Baptist Headquarters, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

Personally...

A new song is being drummed in the ears of Christians today, and the tempo is gradually rising in some areas. The words vary slightly, but it is always sung to the same discordant tune using the same monotonous note. It was composed by religionists who profess to be "independents" and who say they wear no one's brand or label. Its theme scoffs at denominations, their organizations, financial programs and everything else connected with them. Its words speak only biting sarcasm for even the most sincere efforts if they are in the name of "organized" religion.

Our own reaction to this song is something less than favorable. One of the things about it which is provoking is that the tune catches on, like a radio commercial, even though the product advertised is inferior.

Slur Organization

Another thing we dislike about it is the inconsistency of those who sing it. We have observed that while these so-called independents belittle denominational enterprise, they are acting a great deal like Simon of Samaria who gave out that he "himself was some great one." We resent this inconsistency. They profess to champion the cause of the "little preacher who has been brow-beaten and intimidated by the 'denominational machine,'" while they themselves go about intimidating and unChristianizing those who support and sincerely believe in their denomination and its work.

They slur denominational organizations, but do their best to organize the "come-outers" under their own banner with their own "Approved" label hung on them.

So their complaint becomes clear. They are against any leadership or loyalty which conflicts with their own. When they urge revolt against established denominational enterprises they are seeking to substitute a loyalty of their own making.

Use Scare Phrases

One of the things which makes the song sound good is that they use scare phrases like "religious dictatorship" and "ecclesiastical hierarchy" and attempt to tie any and all organization to those ugly words. The sad part about this is that those who sing this song are able, as was Simon of Samaria, to gain a following. Simon had great prestige and Acts 8 says, "... they all gave heed ... and to him they had regard," but Simon misused his influence with those who believed in him.

We would not say that these critics are not honest and sincere. We believe they are and we believe they are Christians. We feel they are not exercising good judgment in many respects, but we pick no fuss with them. We wish many of them were as charitable. When Philip went to Samaria he did not begin his ministry by criticizing Simon. He simply went in and preached

"the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus." The townspeople responded wonderfully to this kind of positive ministry. The people of our day are no different. They still prefer a ministry which is not in the negative case.

Right to Criticize

Personally, we believe in organized churches. We believe a Christian ought to belong to one of them and support. If he belongs to it and supports it, then he has a right to criticize its failings. It is always poor taste for outsiders to meddle in another's family affairs.

We also believe in denominations and we believe the member churches should feel a sense of loyalty to the larger body. Denominations provide the means for the forceful expression of doctrinal positions and moral convictions. Membership in a denomination identifies both the church and individual as to belief and position. We can rightly be cautious about anything that does not bear a label.

Present United Front

We further believe in the right amount of organization necessary to do our job for God in the best possible way. It is by no means true that all organization is bad. Organization is simply the means used by God's people led by the Holy Spirit to promote the kingdom. It is evident that those who make up our national association have similar feelings about our organization and programs for they were all set up at their direction. They were careful to provide a system of checks and balances to prevent the usurpation of power, and they did it well.

We respect the views and opinions of any one of our own number who may feel differently than we do. This is their right and we will do everything to see that they have it. But we should present a united front to any outsider who would serenade us with his discordant song.

The advice of Paul cannot be improved upon: "Mark them which cause divisions ... and avoid them."

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Make Your Run Count

CLAUDE CHILDERS

It has been my desire in all my sermons to present practical truths in the simplest manner in which they may be given. Jesus became the greatest teacher and sermonizer of all ages because he presented the deep, profound eternal truths in a clear, simple manner which made it easy for the mind to grasp them.

It may be in the years to come this class of graduates will have forgotten many of the minute procedures of this program. No doubt you will have forgotten many of the points of this address, but I trust you will remember some of the things I say when I tell you that I would like to center my thoughts around that all-American game, baseball.

We are all proud of the way our Johnston City boys play this game. We will long remember some of the outstanding talent we have and I am sure some of the boys in other southern Illinois high schools will not soon forget some of the hooks and slants of our own champion pitcher.

Be Industrious

In a sense, life is a game like baseball. When one steps up to the plate, he has one purpose and that is to make his run count. It has been truthfully said, "He who aims at nothing is apt to hit it."

"The man who seeks one thing in life and only one, may hope to achieve it before life is done."

Now as you walk up to the plate in this game of life, here's your big chance to swing and run. But listen to some advice as you run.

You'll never reach first base unless you are industrious. Someone has truly said, "A lazy youth will make a lazy man, just as surely as a crooked sapling makes a crooked tree." The world has no place for a lazy man. A lazy man is of no more use to the world than a dead person, and he takes up a lot more room.

Dig for Success

A bicycle falls the moment it stops. Industriousness keeps many men from falling by the way. I'll venture to say that the man who stands around with his hands in his pockets while other folks are working will soon have his hands in other people's pockets.

As a farmer lay dying one day, he called

Mr. Childers is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church, Johnston City, Ill. This sermon is reprinted just as he gave it to the graduating class at the Johnston City high school.

his three sons around his bedside and told them there was a great treasure hidden in the estate he was about to leave them. The boys spoke practically in chorus, "Where is it hidden?" The man gasped and in his last breath said, "You—you will have to dig for it."

The boys turned over every bit of the sod of the entire estate without finding any buried treasure. But in so doing they learned to work. They sowed the entire farm and reaped a great harvest.

Now, boys and girls, there is success for every one of you and for every youth in America, but you will have to dig for it. Being industrious puts you on your way and brings you to first base, but you will



never reach second base until you learn to concentrate. Paul declares, "This one thing I do."

Age of Concentration

A New York sportsman, in answer to an advertisement, sent 25 cents for a proven recipe to prevent a shotgun from scattering. He received this reply: "Dear Sir: To keep a shotgun from scattering, put in a single shot." A thimblefull of powder in a rifle behind a ball will do more than a carload of scattered powder.

This is the age of concentration and specialization of energy. The problem of today is to get ten horsepower out of an engine that will occupy the space of a one horsepower engine.

The young person seeking a position today is not asked what college he came from or who his ancestors were, but "What can you do?" It is specialized training that is wanted. Young people are often admonished to aim high. It is possible, however, that you can aim high and never really hit anything. Young people, please aim at something in life. The arrow that is shot from a bow does not wander around and around to see what it can hit. It flies straight to the mark.

Need Worthwhile Goal

Now you have learned to concentrate on one certain thing. To reach third base you must have confidence and courage. When you round second base and head for third, the question races through your mind, "Can I make it?" What is the goal in your life that is represented by third base? Is it worthwhile? Surely it is. To have a worthwhile goal and to believe in it is the key to confidence.

Not only believe in your goal, but believe in yourself. If you do not believe in yourself, others will not believe in you. Then, believe in others, for no man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself. Believe in your nation. Our nation is not perfect, but it is still the best nation on earth.

So with confidence and courage you round third base, but to reach home plate you must have perseverance. Perseverance keeps us at the task we've set to do. It is this which causes a spider to weave a new web every time the old one is torn down. The spider refuses to be outdone.

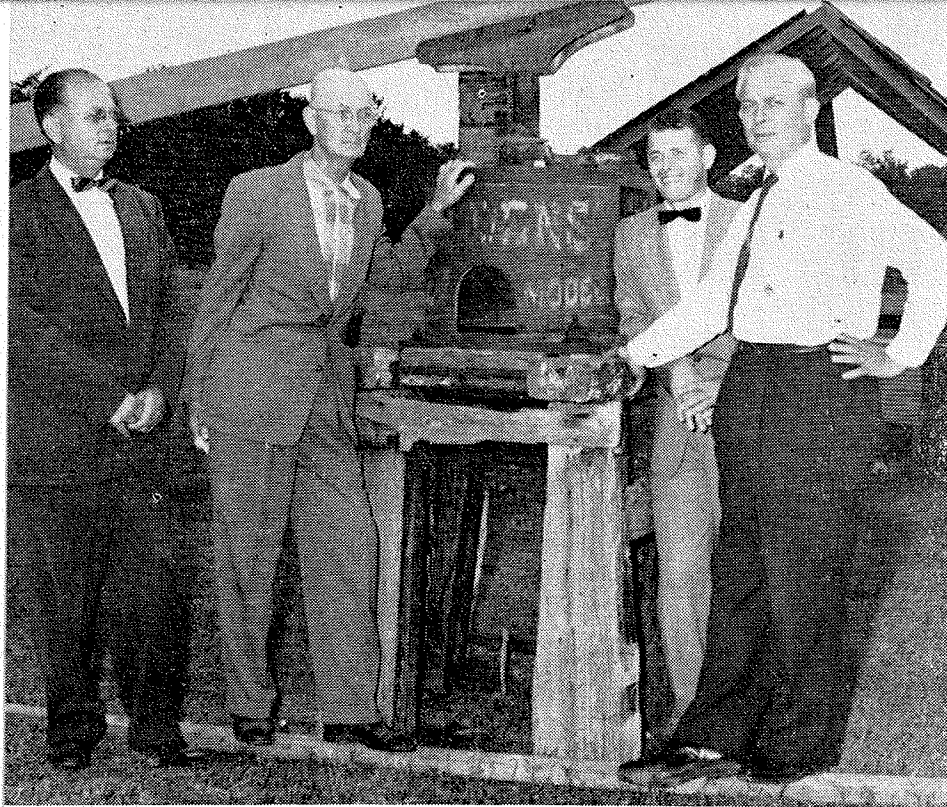
Three Classes of People

I do not mean to be a pessimist. It has been said that an optimist sees the donut and the pessimist sees the hole. But I must say that you may expect hard problems and difficult things to come your way. In baseball, there is an organized force whose job it is to put you out between bases. Don't let them do it! The world is looking for the person who has the perseverance to grit his teeth, clench his fists and say, "I will."

The world is made up of three classes of people—the "I wills," the "I won'ts," and the "I can'ts". The "I wills" accomplish things. The "I won'ts" oppose everything, and the "I can'ts" fail in everything. I am sure this graduating class is a group of "I wills," resolved to reach home plate.

Now to reach home plate and to make your run count are two different things.

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The old cane mill holds many memories for the Pelt family. It still stands on the old home place with the syrup cooking shed in the background. From left to right are Daniel, Mr. Pelt, James, and Chester. The other two boys, Julian and Michael, could not be present for the picture. All of the boys shown are Free Will Baptist pastors.

*They Call Him
"Uncle Carey" and He's
the Proud Father of*

The Preaching Pelts

Floyd B. Cherry

When honors are passed out on Father's Day this year, C. J. ("Uncle Carey") Pelt should receive high honors.

Although he is not young any more, "Uncle Carey" possibly could not be honored as the oldest father. He was born on the old home place in Jackson County, Florida, about five miles west of Marianna, on July 18, 1885. He still lives on this farm.

His large family of ten children, five boys and five girls, might not win the prize for being the largest family. Nine of these children are still living, one daughter having died a number of years ago. However, it is not the size of "Uncle Carey's" family that is unique.

Four Sons Are Preachers

"Uncle Carey's" honors would probably come from the fact that he is the father of the "Preaching Pelts." Four of his five sons are ministers in the Free Will Baptist Church. The other son, Julian, was one time a deacon in the Free Will Baptist Church; although today he is a member of the Methodist Church. One grandson is a Methodist minister and another is a student preparing for the Methodist ministry.

When asked about this remarkable number of preachers in his family, "Uncle Carey" just smiled and said, "I worked and prayed and the Lord did the rest." Then he hastened to add that he is just as proud of the other children as he is his preachers.

Mr. Cherry, a former pastor of the Marvin Chapel Church, is now a pastor in North Carolina.

Maternal Influence Great

The influence of three women has played a great part in the lives of this family. First, there is the mother who died when the younger children were quite small. Upon her death, grandmother Pelt, "Uncle Carey's" mother, became the spiritual leader of the home. She would often rock the children to sleep to the tune of such hymns as "How Firm A Foundation" and "Rock of Ages."

She insisted on reading the Bible daily and having prayer in the home. She was helping the young lives in her care to plant their feet on the firm foundation of the Rock of Ages. After the death of grandmother Pelt, "Uncle Carey" married Miss Donnie Carroll. Miss Donnie took over the home and became a mother to the younger children. The older children were married by this time.

Home Church Played Part

When the influences that moulded the lives of the "Preaching Pelts" are totaled, the home church cannot be discounted. Marvin Chapel Church is a place of sacred memories for this family. It was there under the ministry of the Reverend Henry Melvin that the father and the three oldest sons accepted Christ as their Saviour, and that "Uncle Carey" served as deacon for many years. It was in this church that these young preachers had some of their early preaching experience.

All the preachers in this family of "Preaching Pelts" speak of the Free Will Baptist League as having had a great influence upon their lives. The League at Marvin Chapel was never large, but only

eternity can reveal the extent of its influence.

Along with the influence of the home church must be added that of the pastors. If this family had not had pastors that believed and preached a definite Christian experience, like many others they might have become nominal Christians, but God sent such Bible-preaching men as Henry Melvin, K. V. Shutes, T. B. Mellette and Floyd Cherry into this community.

Grandsons Are Methodist

The oldest son of the family is Julian. He was for several years a deacon in the home church. Then he moved out of the community into a community where there is no Free Will Baptist Church. For awhile he kept his connection with the home church, but soon Julian realized that absentee membership was not best for him nor his family so he joined the local Methodist Church.

Naturally, his children joined this church when they were converted. His oldest son, Eugene, is today a minister in the South Alabama-North Florida Conference of the Methodist Church. A younger son, Thomas, is in school preparing for the ministry. Free Will Baptists lost this family by not having a church in this community.

Younger Brothers Influenced

Daniel is the oldest of the preachers in the family. After he was converted and called to the ministry, he attended Zion Bible School, Blakely, Georgia, returned to Marianna and completed his high school work, then went to Alabama State Teachers'

College, Troy Alabama. Since his graduation from there, he has done some graduate work at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

For many years, Dan has combined school teaching with his ministry. Many young lives have been influenced by his ministry as a teacher and minister. There is no doubt that his ministry wielded a great influence in the lives of the younger brothers.

During the twenty-six years of his ministry, Daniel has pastored many churches in the tri-state section of Alabama, Georgia and Florida. He was one of the founders of the Florida State Association and served as its moderator for eleven years. At the present time he is the writer of the Advanced Sunday School Quarterly for the Free Will Baptist Press.

Family Attended Same College

Those who know Daniel best know that his wife has been a great help in his ministry. She was, before her marriage, Miss Ruby Carroll. She, too, returned to school after her marriage and is a graduate of the Alabama State Teachers' College. Their three children Roland, Ramona, and Daniel, Jr., are all graduates of the same college. The influence of this family on the church life of Free Will Baptists is tremendous.

Chester is next in line of the "Preaching Pelts." After graduation from the Marianna, Florida, high school, he attended the Zion Bible School, Blakely, Georgia, and Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tennessee. He received his under-graduate degree from Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina. During World War II, Chester served on active duty as a chaplain for five years.

Now College Instructor

After the war, he returned to Florida State University at Tallahassee, Florida,

where he did four years of graduate work. At this time, he holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve Chaplains Corps. In addition to his rural pastorate, he is director of student personnel at Chipola Junior College and instructor in psychology at Chipola Junior College, Marianna, Florida.

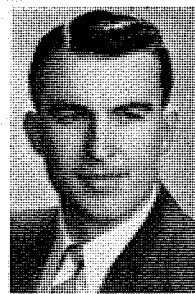
The line of the "Preaching Pelts" continues with Jim. Like Daniel and Chester, Jim was married and had a family before he responded to the call to the ministry. He, too, felt the need for advanced education. While attending Chipola Junior College, he pastored rural churches in Georgia and Alabama. He is presently enrolled in the Alabama State Teachers' College, Troy, Alabama.

Received Highest Honors

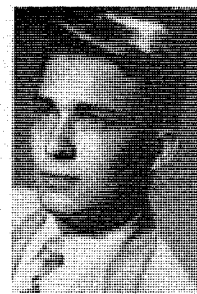
The youngest of the brothers in this line of "Preaching Pelts" is Michael. Like so many others in the Pelt family, Mike graduated from the Alabama State Teachers' College. He received the highest honors in his class. After graduation he pastored for a few months in Miami, Florida. Upon leaving Miami he came to North Carolina and enrolled in the Divinity School of Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, where he graduates with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree this month. In North Carolina Mike has served the LaGrange and Palmetto Chapel Churches as pastor. At this time he is serving as full-time pastor of the Hull Road Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

Is this the end of the line of "Preaching Pelts"? No one knows. However, we may be sure that if God calls a Pelt will answer.

Influence is an invisible, intangible thing; yet very powerful. It can never be adequately measured. But the Christian influence of "Uncle Carey" on these "Preaching Pelts" must be remembered this Father's Day when honors are given.



EUGENE



MICHAEL

Two of the other boys Mr. Pelt is proud of are grandson Eugene (at left) and his youngest son, Michael (at right). Eugene is studying for the Methodist ministry and Michael receives his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Duke University this month. He is pastor of Hull Road Free Will Baptist church, Snow Hill, N. C.

To My Son

Do you know that your soul is of my soul
a part,
That you seem to be fibre and core of my
heart?
None other can pain me as you, dear, can
do,
None other can please or praise me as you.
Remember, the world will be quick with its
blame,
If shadow or strain ever darken your name.

Like father, like son, is a saying so true—
The world will judge largely of father by
you.
Be this then your task, if task it shall be,
To force this proud world to do homage to
me.
Be sure it will say when its verdict you've
won,
"He reaped as he sowed. Lo! this man is
his son."

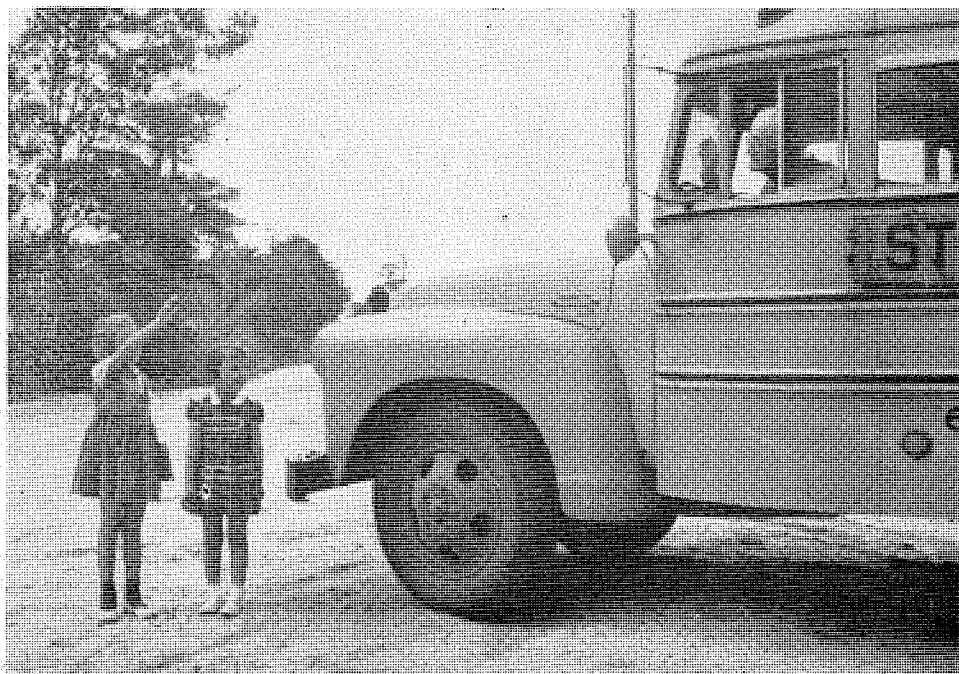
Addressing Procedure Changed

Beginning with the July issue, we will completely change our addressing procedure for *Contact*. Since the paper was started two and one-half years ago we have been doing all the addressing and mailing from the headquarters building.

Because we have had to use part-time, untrained personnel for the most part, our mailing has not been as efficient as it should have been. It is a big job to keep track of all the new subscribers, drop the names of those whose subscriptions have expired, change the addresses when people move, then address, sort and mail 4,500 copies of the paper each month.

Next month our printer will begin addressing and mailing the paper for us. We believe it will help both us and the subscribers. You can help us see that you get *Contact* regularly by renewing promptly and keeping us informed of any change of address. We are able to trace many complaints to the fact that the subscriber moved and failed to notify us of the change in address.

We sincerely hope our service will be better in the months to come. This is our desire.



Mr. Pelt is now carrying the children of some who used to ride his school bus years ago. He has been driving the same route for 28 years without an accident. All of the children love "Uncle Carey," as he is affectionately known.

Make Your Run Count

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Let's turn to the Bible for a moment. Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Listen to Wise Man

While the goals we seek to attain in life are worthwhile, there is something of far more value. We need to be sure that our souls are in harmony with God. Don't you think that even before stepping up to the plate in the game of life we should listen to one of the wisest men who ever lived? Solomon advised us to "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, 'I have no pleasure in them.'"

While standing by home plate ready to make your swing, you hear Jesus saying words in keeping with Solomon's advice: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." So my advice to you this morning is to give your heart to God, if you have not already done so.

As you reach first base where are found the words, "Be industrious," I am sure you will also see these words by Solomon, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Making a living is worthwhile, but making a life that counts is worth much more.

Develop Your Talents

Now that you are about to pass from school to the practical side of living, you should also go from an acceptance of Christ as your Savior into practical Christian living. When our Lord was sought in the temple by his mother, he said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business." He also taught us to work while it is day.

As you work for God you find yourself progressing around the bases. On reaching second base where you found the word, "Concentration," you also find additional words by Paul: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." God teaches individualism. He has made no two people alike, so no two have exactly the same abilities or talents. God has a special place and a special work for each of you.

God gives us talents in germ form and expects us to develop them to their highest efficiency. You will never get off second base until you find your place in the work of God. As you fill that place you can say, "To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world."

Faced with Uncertainty

As you start for third base you may see that all the men on the opposing team are working together to put you out. You wonder, "Can I make it?" As you race against the ball for the safety of the base you are faced with temptation, uncertainty, and doubt. This generation is probably confronted with greater temptations than any

other. The devil winks at you with neon lights from every direction.

But the words "Confidence and Courage" shine from third base. I hope they will inspire you to follow the example of Moses and choose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

As the word uncertainty is hurled at us, we realize the more the uncertainty of life and we see the greater need of being right with God and playing the game of life well. Some one has outlined life as the striving twenties, thriving thirties, fiery forties, faithful fifties, sober sixties, solemn seventies, and aching eighties. Everyone does not reach the "aching eighties," but we will all reach the sod and then meet God.

Surge of Power

As your strength is used up in the race around the bases, you feel your need for a new surge of power. At this knowledge of your own weakness, your Lord says, "Without me ye can do nothing," and you are made strong in him.

With new strength, you round third base and head for home. The word, "Perseverance," spurs you on as you hear the Coach say, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." As you cross home plate, he welcomes you with, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

The professor of a college student asked the young man one day, "What is your object in life?" He promptly replied, "To finish my education."

"Fine," said the professor, "and what then?"

"I am going to grow rich, famous, and independent."

"What then?"

"Well, I suppose by then I will have to die like all others."

"And what then?" came the disquieting reply.

The young man's face grew pale and his lip quivered. He could not answer.

Don't Miss First Base

What was wrong? It's like this. A young man steps up to the plate, swings hard, and the ball lands far out in the field beyond the easy reach of the outfielders. He races around the bases and slides into home plate just ahead of the ball. He lies breathless and looks up at the umpire as the official waves his hand and cries, "You're out!"

The young man starts to complain about the decision, but the umpire says with final authority, "You failed to touch first base."

On the morrow you will stand with the multitudes. We want you to be kingly men and queenly women. We believe you will be, and we want you to remember to touch first base where are inscribed the words, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

Then when you make life's run and you cross home plate, you will hear the great Umpire say, "Safe at home!"

And your run will count.



LOUIS H. MOULTON

Q. *Is a soldier justified in killing in time of war?*

A. We have several accounts in the Old Testament of how God told the Israelites to war against certain nations and completely kill and destroy every man, woman and child. Space does not permit the printing but please read Romans 13:1-7. We are told to be subject to the higher powers. Verse 2 says, "whosoever resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God." 2 Peter 2:13, 14 bears out a similar teaching. In view of our being subject to those in authority and power, a hired soldier serving his country in time of war certainly could not be said to have broken the commandment "thou shalt not kill."

Q. *If one is tired of the way she has to live and unable to help herself, do you think the Lord would forgive her for taking her life?*

A. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (1 Cor. 6:19). "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man (or woman) defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Cor. 3:16, 17).

Q. *How are we supposed to punish our children?*

A. There are several ways, such as denial of some particular desire of the child or withholding some pleasure. However, though it doesn't seem to be very popular these days, I don't think we can improve on the ways of the wise man given in Proverbs 23:13, "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die." Again in Proverbs 29:15, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." If you object to the rod, I might remind you further that God says through the inspired writing of this same wise man in Proverbs 13:24, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

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If you have a problem, let Mr. Moulton help you. Address him c/o Contact, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

Religious NEWSFRONT

Petticord Elected To Head Evangelicals

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Dr. Paul P. Petticord, president of Western Evangelical Seminary of Portland, Oregon, was elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals at the 1956 convention held here April 10-12.

Dr. Petticord succeeds Dr. Henry H. Savage of Pontiac, Mich. A minister of the Evangelical United Brethren church for 30 years, Dr. Petticord has been the head of the seminary for ten years, and has been active in the work of the association of evangelicals since its formation 15 years ago.

Other executive officers elected to head the NAE during the next year include Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, Providence, R. I., first vice president; Dr. Herbert McKeel, Schenectady, N. Y., second vice president; Rev. C. C. Burnett, Springfield, Mo., secretary, and a layman, Robert Van Kampen, Wheaton, Ill., treasurer.

In other action, Rev. George L. Ford of Wheaton, who has served two years as associate director was promoted to the full rank of executive director. The delegates voted to conduct their 1957 convention in Buffalo, N. Y., April 2-4.

House of Representatives Will Study Traffic Accidents

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A national study of the factors involved in traffic accidents has been unanimously authorized by the House of Representatives.

H. R. 357, introduced by Rep. Kenneth A. Roberts (D-Ala.) permits the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee to determine (1) the extent to which excessive speed, intoxication, poor highway conditions and other factors have been responsible for the increase, and (2) measures the Federal government might take to alleviate these factors.

The prospects of what the study might uncover has completely unnerved the liquor traffic. Immediately following the House action, Clinton M. Hester, Washington lobbyist for the U. S. Brewers Foundation, cried that dry propagandists might be expected to have another field day as the result of the resolution. The next issue of *Brewer's Bulletin* dourly predicted the study would be used to "attempt to place the blame on alcoholic beverages."

The *Bulletin's* concern is warranted. National Safety Council studies have already put the liquor-caused accidents at a conservative one out of four, and many state surveys set the percentage at one in two.

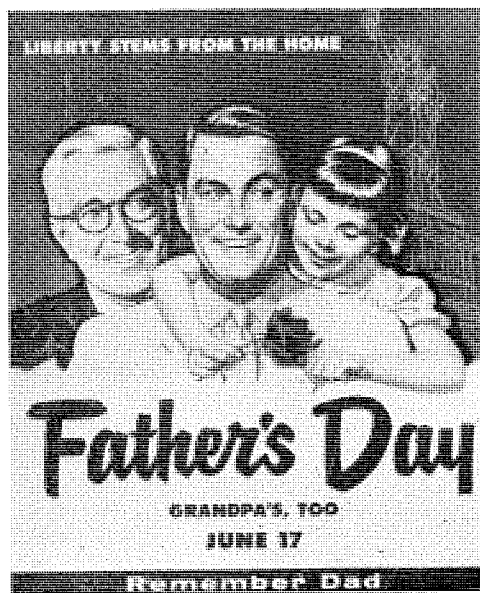
Most Americans now risking their lives on the nation's highways will be more in-

terested in straight facts uncovered via an investigation by an unbiased House committee, than smoke-screen charges leveled before the facts are in.

Mount Olive College Drive Nears \$200,000

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—The drive to raise a million dollars for Mount Olive College over a five-year period had reached \$178,000 on May 8, according to an announcement from Rev. W. Burkette Raper, president.

Of the amount, Free Will Baptist churches had pledged about \$57,000. The remainder came from the town of Mount Olive and the surrounding area. College officials reported that the drive is just getting into full swing in the Free Will Baptist churches throughout the state.



Rev. M. L. Johnson has recently come to the college as administrative assistant. The president is recovering from a nervous condition which necessitated a rest period of several months.

Bible Society Nears Half-Billion Mark

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The total number of volumes of Scripture distributed throughout the years by the American Bible Society is rapidly approaching the half-billion mark and will be passed early in the spring of 1957, the Society annual Board of Managers report revealed.

The Society, the most widely supported Protestant organization in the country, held its 140th annual meeting, May 10. Con-

trasting sharply with the first year when only 6,410 volumes were distributed, the past six years have never dipped below the ten million mark and have totaled more than 81 millions by themselves.

Trouble Seen for Bolivia's Protestants

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Recent reports reveal that the Roman Catholic Church is increasing pressure against Protestants in Bolivia. A robbery at the Catholic Church in Umala was charged to the evangelicals. A public official told the missionaries he had evidence that the priest himself had committed the robbery in a plot to drive the evangelicals out of Umala.

Street meetings have been prohibited as a result of a public disturbance created by the household servant of a priest. Formerly, evangelicals had freely conducted street meetings in that area. Efforts have been made to obtain another permission for the open air work, but the police have stated that they will not be responsible for the results if such meetings are held.

At the same time an angry mob of about 35 adults, with a number of children, converged on the missionary residence threatening to burn the house unless they left within eight days.

Liquor Industry Paces 1955 Outdoor Advertising

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The liquor traffic spent more for outdoor advertising last year than any other industry.

According to a 1955 list of the top 100 advertisers, 34 brewers and distillers spent a total of \$31,889,136. This was better than one-third of the total expenditure for all 100—\$93,799,317.

General Motors Corporation leads the list as the biggest outdoor spender, but among the top eight appear two distillers and two brewers with a total of \$12,627,016 for billboard ads.

Liquor ads line the highways. And every hour drinking drivers and pedestrians chalk up another traffic fatality according to National Safety Council figures.

Pastoral Changes

E. E. Morris to First church, Richmond, Calif., from Capitol Hill church, Oklahoma City, Okla.
F. A. McCage to Bell Gardens, Calif., from Stigler, Okla.

James Franklin to Kerman, Calif., from Southside church, St. Louis, Mo.

Ernest Harrison to Allen, Okla., from Drumright, Okla.

Weldon Wood to Capitol Hill church, Oklahoma City, from Ada, Okla.

W. V. Wood to Sunny Lane church, Oklahoma City from Spring Hill church, Lexington, Okla.

Ed. S. Sunday to Stigler, Okla., from Checotah, Okla.

Leroy Bingham to First church, Sapulpa, Okla.

DeArthur Yandell to Non. Okla.

PROGRAM of the Twenty-first Annual Session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

Keynote: O Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth
Watchword: Send Out Thy Light
Convention Hymn: "Send The Light"

Monday, July 9

Thought for the day: The light of salvation must be real in our own lives before we can show or tell others.
Scripture: "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14-16).

Monday Afternoon

1:30—Executive Committee meeting

Monday Evening

7:00—Registration
7:30—"The Light Is Challenged in South America"
—Meditations led by Estenio Garcia, Cuba
—Convention hymn
—Invocation
7:45—The business of organizing
8:00—Address of welcome by Mrs. George W. Chapman, Huntington, W. Va.
—Response by Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, New Bern, N. C.
8:05—"The Light Shines through Home Missions"
—Inspirational singing
—Special music by Free Will Baptist Bible College Woman's Auxiliary
8:15—"What We Are Doing for Home Missions"—Rev. Robert Wilfong, Tampa, Fla.
—Film, "Sombbrero Land"
9:30—Benediction

Tuesday, July 10

Thought for the day: The responsibility of sending the Light is ours who have it since no one can be saved except the light of God shines in the heart.
Scripture: "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Rom. 10:13-15).

Tuesday Morning

9:00—"The Light Shines in India"
—Meditations led by Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.
—Hymn
—Prayer
—Special music by Miss Wanda Edwards, Paintsville, Ky.
9:20—"A Glowing Auxiliary"—President's message
9:30—Business period
10:20—Music
10:25—"The Light Shines through the Missions Declamation Contest" led by Mrs. Luther Sanders, Cordova, Ala.
—Presentation of awards
11:15—"The Light Shines to and from Cuba"
—Inspirational music
—"The Unveiled Christ", solo by Mrs. Reford Wilson, Pocatontas, Ark.
11:30—Inspirational message by Benito Rodriguez, Cuba
12:00—Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—Meditations led by Miss Lucy Wischart, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
—Prayer
—Special music by Miss Wischart
1:50—Business period and reports
3:00—Closing hymn
—Adjournment and benediction
Music Director—Rev. Robert Hill, Joelton, Tenn.
Pianist—Mrs. Robert Hill, Joelton, Tenn.
Organist—Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Darlington, S. C.

Program of the NATIONAL

Theme:

Christ Shall Be Magnified

Scripture:

"With all boldness . . . Christ shall be magnified . . . whether it be by life or by death" (Philippians 1:20)

Hymn:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Tuesday Evening, July 10

Keynote: To Him All Majesty Ascribe

Scripture: "And he is the head of the body, the church . . . that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18)

7:30—"O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"—Mr. I. L. Stanley, music director; Mrs. I. L. Stanley, pianist; Mrs. Raymond Riggs, organist.
7:45—"Let Us Call upon the Name of the Lord"—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. H. L. Knighton
8:00—The Association called into official session and introduction of the officers by Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, clerk
—The appointment of Committee on Committees
8:15—We Welcome You—Rev. Carl Vallance
—Welcome to Huntington—The Honorable George Theurer
8:25—"Heavenly Sunshine"—Time to get acquainted
—Offertory
—Special music
8:40—The Keynote Message—"The Preeminent Christ"
—The Messenger—Rev. Charles A. Thigpen
9:20—Adjourn session
(An all-night prayer vigil will be held at the Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist church, 522 Buffington Street, beginning at 10:30 p.m. You are urged to attend some part of this service during the night as we seek God's face for His blessings upon our lives, our churches, and our denomination. It will close with a sunrise prayer service at 6:30 a.m. led by Rev. Thomas H. Willey. See the folder, "Hands Heavenward," for additional information and a list of those who will be conducting various parts of the service.)

Wednesday Morning, July 11

9:15—"Early in the Morning Our Songs Rise to Thee"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
9:25—"We Seek Thy Face"—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. James F. Miller
9:35—Report of General Board acting as Credentials Committee
—Seating of the delegates
—Recognition of visiting messengers from other religious bodies
9:55—Report of Committee on Committees
10:00—Report of General Board—Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, secretary
10:50—Intermission
11:05—The Hour of Worship
Keynote: All One Body We
Scripture: "Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27)
—Sing Praise unto Him—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
—Special music
11:15—Service honoring all former moderators of the National Association
—Introduction of former moderators (John L. Welch, 1935-37; James F. Miller, 1938-43; J. R. Davidson, 1944-45; L. C. Johnson, 1946-48; Floyd B. Cherry, 1949; N. Bruce Barrow, 1950-51; Edward E. Morris, 1952-54)
—Presentation of certificates
—Prayer

of the Twentieth Annual Session

ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

11:30—The Message—"One in Hope and Doctrine"

—The Messenger—Rev. John L. Welch

12:10—Adjourn session

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—"Come Before His Presence with Singing"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs

—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. Rufus Coffey

1:45—Miscellaneous business

2:05—Report of Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College—Rev. James F. Miller

2:25—"Christ Magnified in Bible Distribution"—Report of the American Bible Society by Albert C. Johnson

2:35—Moments of Christian Challenge

—Special Music

—The Message—"Our Obligation to the Young People Who Serve in the Armed Forces"

—The Messenger—Dr. Ivan L. Bennett

3:25—Reports of special committees

3:35—Report of Executive Secretary—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

3:55—Report of Board of Foreign Missions—Rev. Raymond Riggs

4:15—Partial report of Nominating Committee and election of all board members

4:30—Adjourn session

Wednesday Evening

Missionary Service

Keynote: To Every Kindred, Every Tribe

Scripture: "I will send those . . . unto the nations . . . to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory" (Isaiah 66:19)

—Special missionary prayer meeting at the Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist church, 522 Buffington Street, led by Rev. Damon C. Dodd

—Hymns of missionary challenge

—Service led by Rev. Raymond Riggs

—Offertory

—Foreign and home missionaries appearing at this service include Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Miss Lucy Wisheart, Benito Rodriguez, Melitino Martinez, Estenio Garcia, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong, and Rev. and Mrs. George C. Lee, Jr.

—Service of consecration

Thursday Morning, July 12

9:00—"Sing Praises unto Our King"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs

—"Call unto Me and I Will Answer Thee"—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. Rupert Pixley

9:15—Report of Polity Committee

9:35—Report of Stewardship Commission

9:45—Report of Planning Commission

10:15—Report of Board of Home Missions—Rev. Damon C. Dodd

10:35—Report of Sunday School Board—Rev. William J. Mishler

10:50—"Magnifying Christ Together"—Report of the National Association of Evangelicals by Rev. George L. Ford

11:05—The Hour of Worship

Keynote: Onward Then, Ye People

Scripture: "When thou hearest the sound of a going . . . thou shalt bestir thyself; for then shall the Lord go out before thee" (2 Samuel 5:24)

—"Make His Praise Glorious"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs

—Special Music

11:20—The Message—"Retaining Our Attainments"

—The Messenger—Rev. Willard C. Day

12:00—Adjourn session

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—"Praise Ye the Lord"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs

1:35—Report of Radio-Television Board—Rev. Ralph Staten

1:45—Report of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention—Mrs. LaVerne Miley

1:50—Report of Board of Publications and Literature—Rev. J. C. Griffin

2:00—Report of Budget Committee

2:15—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board—Rev. Henry Melvin

2:25—Report of Superannuation Board—Rev. K. V. Shutes

2:40—Report of Placement Committee for 1957 session

2:50—Miscellaneous business

—Reports of committees

—Final report of Nominating Committee and election of officers

3:45—Final adjournment

Program Personalities

Rev. N. Bruce Barrow—Lucama, N. C., pastor.

Dr. Ivan L. Bennett—Washington, D. C., secretary of the Washington office of the American Bible Society and former Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Army.

Rev. Floyd B. Cherry—Greenville, N. C., pastor of Black Jack and Rose Hill Free Will Baptist churches.

Rev. Rufus Coffey—Darlington, S. C., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. J. R. Davidson—Goldsboro, N. C., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. Willard C. Day—Tulsa, Okla., pastor of Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. George L. Ford—Wheaton, Ill., executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Rev. J. C. Griffin—New Bern, N. C., chairman of the Board of Publications and Literature and pastor of Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton—Glennville, Ga., pastor of Ebenezer church and clerk of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Albert C. Johnson—New York, N. Y., assistant secretary of visual materials for the American Bible Society.

Dr. L. C. Johnson—Nashville, Tenn., president of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Rev. H. L. Knighton—Albany, Ga., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. Henry Melvin—Winterville, N. C., pastor of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist church and chairman of Free Will Baptist League Board.

Mrs. LaVerne Miley—Memphis, Tenn., president of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

Rev. James F. Miller—Kinston, N. C., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church and chairman of Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Rev. William J. Mishler—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for the Sunday School department.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham—Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the National Association.

Rev. Edward E. Morris—Richmond, Calif., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. Rupert Pixley—Fort Smith, Ark., pastor of Armour Avenue Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. Raymond Riggs—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for the Board of Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Raymond Riggs—Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. K. V. Shutes—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for the Superannuation Board.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley—Knoxville, Tenn., superintendent at John Tarleton Institute.

Rev. Ralph Staten—Belmont, N. C., pastor of Goshen Free Will Baptist church and chairman of the Radio-Television Board.

Rev. Charles A. Thigpen—Detroit, Mich., pastor of Highland Park Free Will Baptist church and moderator of the National Association.

Mr. George Thuerer—Huntington, W. Va., mayor.

Rev. Carl Vallance—Huntington, W. Va., pastor of Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist church and chairman of the arrangements committee.

Rev. John L. Welch—Nashville, Tenn., pastor of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist church.



Women's Auxiliary

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

Women at Work

Woman's Auxiliary at Artesia, N. Mex., was recently reorganized with the following officers: Irene Wood, president; Kathryn Pollick, vice president and youth auxiliary chairman; Adda Pierson, secretary; Birdie Pinson, treasurer; Pat Thomas, study course and program-prayer chairman, and Lorene Harper, personal service chairman . . . Antioch district convention met May 5 at Jerusalem, Ark. Rev. Willie Coffman, host pastor, was morning speaker. Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Searcy, led the installation service for the following officers: Mrs. Roy McCuin, president; Mrs. Byron Buchanan, vice president; Mrs. Ted Henry, secretary; Mrs. Frank Duvall, treasurer; Mrs. Haney Buchanan, personal service chairman; Mrs. Dale Munkus, program chairman; Mrs. J. D. Coffman, youth chairman, and Miss Clytie Coffman, assistant secretary and reporter.

Texas state convention meets June 12 at Good Hope church, near Henderson. Mrs. Huey Gower will preside and Rev. John Moehlman will bring the convention sermon. Theme for the day's service is "The Christian Walk" . . . Piedmont district convention met April 7 at the Ben Avenue church, Kannapolis, N. C. Highlight of the program was the declamation contest won by Miss Jo Holt, Kannapolis. Nine churches were represented . . . First Oklahoma district workshop was held April 26 at the Central Avenue church, Oklahoma City. Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, was the principal speaker.

All contestants entering the national declamation contest, both YPA and GTA, will appear before the judges at 9:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, in the auditorium at Huntington, W. Va. This is necessary so that the winners and runners-up can appear before the convention body on Tuesday morning, Mrs. Helen Sanders, youth chairman, said. The elimination contest is necessary because of the increasing number of contestants, she said . . . The auxiliary at Blakely, Ga., is engaged in fund-raising projects and are using the proceeds to redecorate the church.

Mrs. L. D. Miley, president of the WNAC, will be the principal speaker at the Georgia state workshop June 14. Theme for the meeting, to be held at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, is "We Need Trained, Consecrated Workers for Such a Time as This." Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton will bring the morning sermon. Mrs. B. W. Clenney, state president, reminded each local auxiliary to send \$5 for convention expenses. Each local auxiliary should also send the name and address of the president to the state president, Mrs. Clenney said.

To Enlist and Promote
To Foster Youth Auxiliary
To Conduct an Interesting Study Course
To Direct Personal Service
To Keep Accurate Records and Reports
Assembly
Announcements
Adjourn

2:15

"Knowing How" Theme of Workshop Meeting

MRS. PAUL PURSELL

" . . . that thou mayest know how . . . " Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 3:16 to the leaders of the early church—the elders, deacons, and their wives. He wanted them to know how to become better leaders in the house of God.

In order to realize the most from their efforts, Woman's Auxiliary workers must know how to accomplish the task that has been given them.

Much time, effort, and money has been wasted in auxiliaries in the past because of inefficient officers and workers. We need to know how to win souls. We need to know how to enlist indifferent women, not only in auxiliary membership, but in active service.

We need to know how to lead and inspire our youth to a high plane of missionary living and giving; to know how to present *spiritual, purposeful* programs; to conduct *interesting* study courses, and to lead our women in *planned* personal service for the spiritually and materially needy in our communities.

Often we fail, not because we do not wish to accomplish great things for the Master, but because we simply do not know how. A good auxiliary officer must realize the importance of her job and then needs to be shown how to lead others.

Those who know not and know that they know not can be greatly helped to become more efficient leaders by attending their district or state workshops.

WORKSHOP OUTLINE

Theme: KNOWING HOW

Purpose: "That thou mayest know how . . . (1 Tim. 3:15).

- 9:30 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 Hymn
- 10:10 Devotional
- 10:20 "Know Them Which Labor Among You" (1 Thess. 5:12)
Recognition of officers, speakers, auxiliaries.
- 10:30 "Know How to Plan Challenging Programs"
- 10:45 "Know How to Publicize"
- 10:55 "The Know How of Vacation Bible Schools"
- 11:10 "Know How to Win Souls"—playlet
- 11:30 Special number in song
Missionary message
- 12:00 Benediction
- "Know your Publications and Literature"
Visit display table
- 1:15 p.m. Devotional
- "Teach Me to Pray, Lord"—special song
Lord's prayer in unison

DEPARTMENTAL SESSIONS

"That thou mayest know how . . ."
To Lead an Auxiliary



MRS. L. D. MILEY

Auxiliary Meet Expected To Draw Record Crowd

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A record attendance is expected at the 21st annual session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention which meets June 9-10 at Huntington, W. Va. The sessions, which begin Monday night, will be presided over by Mrs. L. D. Miley, Memphis, Tenn.

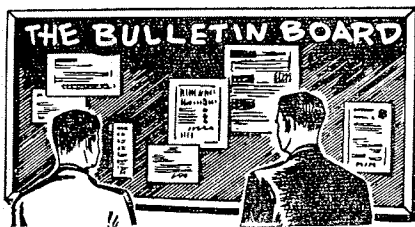
Although the complete program is given on page 8, here are a few things which are expected to highlight the business sessions of the convention.

The executive committee will ask the approval of the convention on their action naming Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo., as executive secretary-treasurer to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. H. B. Sloan. Mrs. Sloan was named to the office in a temporary capacity by the executive committee after the resignation of Mrs. Homer Willis, who was elected last year.

If the recommendation is approved, Mrs. Edwards will assume the office in Nashville on September 1.

Two other recommendations which will come before the delegates are the adopting of a home mission project for 1957 and the printing of a new GTA manual.

The executive committee of the WNAC will hold its annual meeting at 1:30 p.m., June 9 at the Prichard Hotel in Huntington. At this meeting they will hear the reports and recommendations of all the national officers.



• Minister available for supply work or revival meetings. He says, "I only ask expenses as salary." Write Rev. Bertis A. Artman, 11815 Addison Street, North Hollywood, Calif.

Honor Roll

"Every Church Family" Plan

Fellowship church, Flat River, Mo.
 Southside church, Paintsville, Ky.
 Pocahontas church, Ark.
 Airport church, Tulsa, Okla.
 Blythe church, Calif.
 Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.
 First church, Tulsa, Okla.
 Oak Ridge church, Tenn.
 First church, Savannah, Ga.
 Beech Springs church, Saltillo, Miss.
 New Hope church, Joelton, Tenn.
 Myrtle church, Mo.
 Horse Branch church, Turbeville, S. C.
 Leadington church, Mo.
 First church, Hazel Park, Mich.
 Modesto church, Calif.
 First church, Russellville, Ark.
 Thomas Memorial church, Huntington, W. Va.
 First church, Panama City, Fla.
 Northside church, Phoenix, Ariz.
 New Prospect church, Long Lane, Mo.
 Wellston church, Mo.
 First church, Ardmore, Okla.
 East Side church, Florence, S. C.
 Silver City church, Jennings, Okla.
 Dorris church, Calif.
 Second church, Modesto, Calif.
 Bennington church, Shady Point, Okla.
 Corning church, Ark.
 Piney Grove church, Chipley, Fla.
 First church, Farmington, Mo.
 Bear Point church, Sesser, Ill.
 First church, Mountain Grove, Mo.
 Buncombe church, Carthage, Texas
 Pleasant Ridge church, Cookeville, Tenn.
 First church, North Little Rock, Ark.
 First church, Baxley, Ga.
 Wooddale church, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Traveler's Rest church, Newton, Ga.
 Davis church, N. C.
 Palmer Memorial church, Nashville, Tenn.
 First church, Dearborn, Mich.
 Blue Bell church, Sapulpa, Okla.
 Grace church, Portland, Tenn.
 Alice Brooks church, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Franklin church, Ohio

Our honor roll now stands with the names of 46 churches. As soon as four more are added, we will begin listing the second honor roll. If your church wants to be on the first one, better hurry!

Rules for Honor Roll

1. Send names and addresses of *all* families in the church. *Do not send any money.*
2. Your list will be checked against our circulation. Refunds on any subscriptions in effect will be credited to the church account.
3. The church will receive a bill quarterly and a form on which to list new families or drop any who have died or changed membership.
4. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued.

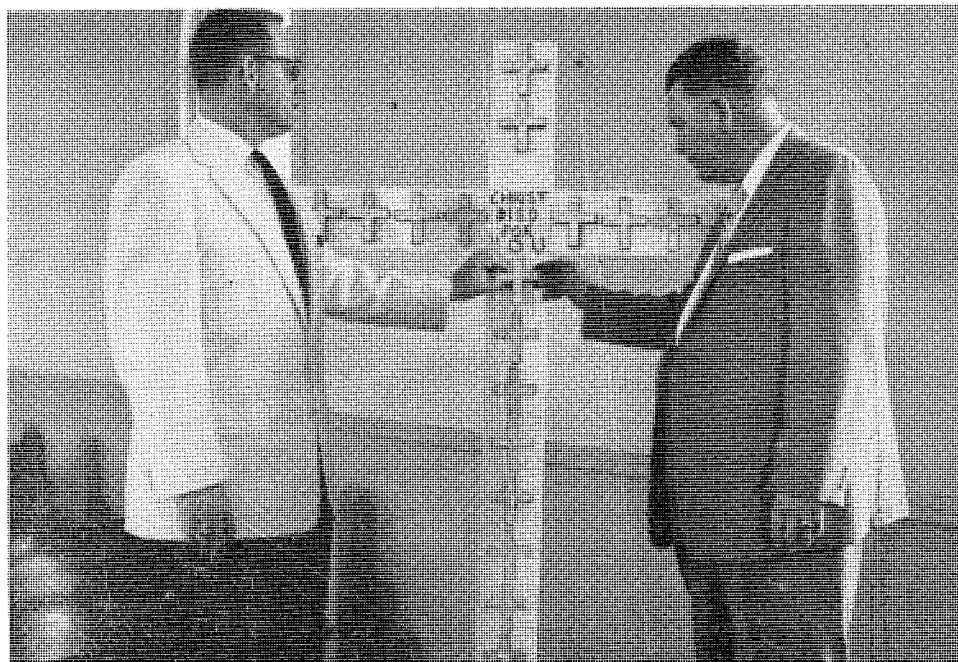
REVIVAL ATTENDANCE IDEAS



"Pickets" were used very effectively to advertise a recent revival conducted at the First church, Savannah, Ga. The "pickets" walked up and down in front of the church each evening during the revival from about 4 p.m. to church time. "Needless to say, they attracted quite a bit of attention," Rev. Louis H. Moulton, pastor, writes. Different individuals were used each evening. Shown in this picture are Mrs. Q. T. Kicklighter and Miss Patricia Merritt.



ILLINOIS CHURCH USES CROSS



A novel attendance idea produced a total of over 300 visitors during a revival at Johnston City, Ill. Members were given miniature miniature crosses on which to get the signatures of friends (preferably unsaved) pledging to attend the revival at least once. When five of those who had signed a cross attended, the person could then "lay his cross down," which meant hanging it on the large cross. At the close of the meeting more than 30 crosses had been brought back and some of them contained as many as 35 names. The idea was originated by Dr. E. T. Burwell (left), shown with the pastor, Rev. Claude Childers, hanging up a cross.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

SAMMY WILKINSON, NEWS EDITOR

Ohio Congregation Dedicates Church Building

CLARKSTOWN, Ohio.—The congregation of the Long Run Free Will Baptist church here dedicated their church building on April 8. Rev. Homer Nelson gave the dedicational message. Rev. Floyd Estep prayed the dedicational prayer and Rev. Forrest Chamberlain, pastor of the church, burned the mortgage while the church members prayed at the altar. Special music was rendered by the ladies' trio of the church and the Union Gospel quartet.

Missouri Pastor Resigns Church

KIRKSVILLE, Mo.—The Rev. Lester C. Jones, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church of Kirksville, has handed in his resignation as pastor of the church to be effective by August 1. Mr. Jones has been pastor of the church since its organization in 1953.

Alabama Church Plans Enlargement

VERNON, Ala.—The Free Will Baptist church here plans to add to the present church building a two-story brick educational unit. The unit will be 24 by 48 feet. The church also plans to enlarge the choir loft and install a baptistry. The new unit will include a kitchen and dining facilities. It is reported that construction will start by July 1 and plans are to have it completed by late summer. Rev. R. P. Ritch is pastor.

Virginia State Association Will Meet In June

COEBURN, Va.—The Virginia state association will convene with the Mary's Chapel Free Will Baptist church here June 15-16. Rev. Fred Rivenbark is to bring the opening message and Rev. S. M. McFalls is to bring the closing message.

League Convention Has Semi-annual Meeting

MOULTRIE, Ga.—The Union League convention recently held its semi-annual meeting at the St. Paul church near Omega, Georgia. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Floyd Faison, president; Curtis Gay, vice president; Mary Anderson, secretary-treasurer; Bertha Mae Dunlap, Bible quiz leader; Betty Gunn, pianist, and Carlton Justice, song leader. Miss Frances Weeks was chosen from the convention to represent Georgia in the national Sword drill, which will be held in Greenville, N. C. The next meeting will be at Greenwood church at Camilla or at Bay church near Moultrie.

California Church Elects New Officers

MODESTO, Calif.—In their yearly conference May 2, the Free Will Baptist church here elected the following officers: Rev. O. H. Doss, pastor; Reba Kirk, clerk; Leon Kirk, treasurer; Don Robirds, choir director; Earleen Parris, pianist; Rev. Joe Mooneyham, director of the junior church; Clyde Walker and J. R. Cremeen, ushers; Earleen Parris, Evelyn Adkins and Tressie Murphy, Sunday school board; Leroy Burger, Sunday school superintendent; Christine Burger, secretary; and Ruth Walker, superintendent of the junior department.

California Church Is Host to Association

SANTA PAULA, Calif.—The West Coast association of Free Will Baptists held its annual meeting at the Santa Paula church on May 31-June 2. Rev. Callison was the introductory speaker and Rev. Wiley Gregory brought the memorial message.

California Youth Camp Is Announced

MODESTO, Calif.—The California state youth camp will be held at Lake Hume June 18-22. This is the second year for the camp.

New Church Is Organized In Alabama

IDLER, Ala.—On April 22 a new church was organized here with fourteen members joining. Rev. W. H. Ryland and Rev. C. T. Barnes were in charge of the organization, which took place after the morning service. The articles of faith and practice, along with the church covenant, were discussed and adopted. The Bible was presented to the group and a prayer of consecration was offered by Mr. Ryland. The church elected Rev. C. T. Barnes pastor and Mrs. C. T. Barnes clerk and treasurer. Deacons were elected and ordained in the evening service. The group is now meeting in a church building that was loaned to them until they could construct their own. The church voted to affiliate with the Liberty No. 2 association.

Member Realizes Goal as Church Votes Full Time

DAVIS, N. C.—On Sunday, May 6, the Davis church voted unanimously to begin a full-time program as of Sept. 1, 1956. The vote has just been taken when Mr. Allen Willis, eighty years old and a member of the church, died. It had been a desire of Mr. Willis to see the church enter a full-time program and he came to church,

though feeling ill, to cast his vote in the affirmative. He died in the same pew, that he had for years occupied while worshipping at the church. The church had named their building fund drive in honor of Mr. Willis. Rev. Roger C. Reeds is the pastor.

North Carolina Church Observes Homecoming

NORTH BELMONT, N. C.—The Goshen Free Will Baptist church here observed its second annual homecoming April 29. In the morning service, Mr. Carl Scarborough gave a history of the church and Rev. J. J. Brooks brought the morning message. After a dinner in the church dining room, there was special singing under the direction of Mr. J. C. Cooper and a message by Rev. J. E. Floyd. Rev. R. L. Staten is pastor of the church.

Mission Started In North Carolina City

GREENSBORO, N. C.—A new work has been started here under the direction of Rev. Homer Willis. A building located at 3213 High Point Road and Pincroft has been rented and Sunday school is now being held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and Bible study each Wednesday night at 7:30. This is the first work of Free Will Baptists in this part of the state, and there are one million people in the area without a Free Will Baptist church.

Arkansas Conference Has Record Representation

SAFFELL, Ark.—The White River quarterly conference of Free Will Baptists of northeast Arkansas, which met with Pool's Chapel church near Sandtown April 27-28, for the first time on record was represented by all the churches in the conference either by delegates or letter. During the conference, D. W. Pinkston of Hoxie was ordained to preach. The next meeting will be with the New Home church of God, Arkansas.

Alumni Chapter Set Up In North Carolina

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—A chapter of the alumni association of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was organized here May 11. The 12 members present elected Walter Reynolds, Ahoskie, president; Robert Edwards, Arapahoe, vice-president and Daniel Merkh, Durham, secretary-treasurer. A fellowship meeting will be held September 25 at the home of Rev. Homer Willis, Greensboro. Mr. Merkh would like to put all of the Bible college alumni in North Carolina on the mailing list.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Churches Cooperate In Mission Organization

PRINCESS ANNE, Va.—On the first Sunday in January, Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist church, Norfolk, led in the organization of the Free Will Baptist mission here. The first meeting was held in the Princess Anne grammar school building. According to reports, all Free Will Baptist churches in the area are cooperating in the work. On March 25 a Sunday school was organized with four classes. If you have relatives or friends in the Princess Anne community, write them and urge them to attend the mission.

North Carolina Sets Cragmont Emphasis Month

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.—June has been designated as Cragmont emphasis month in North Carolina and an appeal has been sounded for the repair fund drive by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, field representative. Goals which have been set are \$30 from each church, \$6 from each Sunday school, \$3 from each League, and \$25 from each woman's auxiliary on the apron fund. All funds should go directly to Cragmont As-

sembly, except the apron fund which goes to Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.

Six Churches Join New Association

FORT WORTH, Texas—Six churches in this area came together May 11-12 and formed the Fellowship district association. The churches included Trinity, Love Temple, Bethel, and First of Fort Worth; First church, Denton, and First church Weatherford. Officers are Rev. C. J. Hearron, moderator; Rev. M. L. Sutton, assistant moderator; Rev. C. J. Turrentine, clerk-treasurer; Mrs. Jerry Shick, assistant clerk, and Rev. J. B. Estes, Jr., parliamentarian.

The association endorsed a resolution pledging cooperation with the national association through the state association.

Georgia Sunday School Convention Set June 9

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Rev. William Mishler, promotional secretary for the Sunday school department, will be the principal speaker at the state Sunday school convention which meets here June 9. Other speakers include Rev. Kenneth Faison and Miss Valerie Roberson.

May Cooperative Receipts Set Record for the Year

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Undesignated cooperative offerings for the month of May were just \$33 short of the monthly budget of \$3,500, and designated gifts coming into the Executive Office pushed the total to over \$3,700. This is a record figure.

Breakdown on the receipts and disbursements is as follows:

RECEIPTS:

ALABAMA
First church, Dothan \$ 44.27
First church, Opelika 20.35
Alabama State Association 17.00 81.62

CALIFORNIA
Churches of California 229.88

FLORIDA
Northeast Florida Union
Meeting 3.00
Central church, Tampa 14.65
Florida State Association 35.79 53.44

ILLINOIS
Bakerville Church, Okawville 46.10
Waltonville church 32.35
Oak Grove, Sheller 11.30
Eakin Grove church,
Benton 10.00
Nason church, Bonnie 14.30
Webb's Prairie church,
Ewing 14.39 128.44

KENTUCKY
Southside church,
Paintsville 56.46

MISSOURI
State Association 701.22

NEBRASKA
First church, Shelton 13.28

NORTH CAROLINA
Goshen church, Belmont 89.00
First church, Swannanoa 113.21
Hickory Chapel church,
Ahoskie 27.34 229.55

OKLAHOMA
State Association 440.40

TENNESSEE
East Nashville church,
Nashville 240.00
Palmer Memorial church,
Nashville 42.25
Mt. Zion church,
Ashland City 60.90
Rock Springs church,
Clarksville 33.35 376.50

TEXAS
Northwest Brazos
Association 34.35
State Association 765.47 799.82

VIRGINIA
Fairmount Park church,
Norfolk 356.81 3,467.42

DESIGNATED FUNDS
Florida 53.23
Arkansas 216.57 269.80
3,737.22

Transfer of Accounts—error in
Oct. 1955 receipts 87.50
\$3,649.72

DISBURSEMENTS
Executive Department 1,542.47
Foreign Missions 871.09
Bible College 559.20
Home Missions 331.30
Superannuation 142.88
Sunday School Department 101.39
League Board 67.60
Radio-TV Board 33.79 \$3,649.72

Revival Campaigns

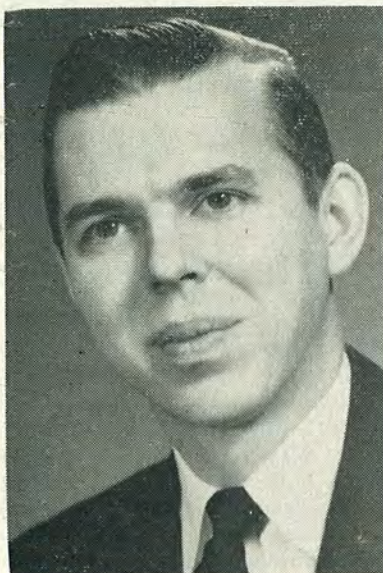
CHURCH	PASTOR	EVANGELIST	DATE	DEC.	ADD.
Highland Park, Mich.	C. A. Thigpen	Luther Gibson	4/29-5/9	12	7
Airport church, Tulsa, Okla.	Robert Duck	L. A. Yandell	5/28-		
Artesia, N. Mex.	Roy L. Thomas	L. C. Pinson	4/8	18	6
Fellowship church, Bryan, Tex.	H. Ray Berry	H. Ray Berry	5/6-13	6	
Fellowship church, Flat River, Mo.	Rolla Smith	William Newsome	5/14-		
Smith's Chapel church, Rose, Okla.	Kenneth Jones	G. Cecil Bower	5/14-26		
Friendship church, Roganville, Tex.	S. R. Spears	M. O. Kendall	4/21-5/5		
Faith church, Snow Hill, N. C.	Frank Davenport	Robert Kimbrell	5/13-5/20		
St. Mary's church, New Bern, N. C.	Cecil Campbell	Frank Davenport	5/13-5/20		
Cushing, Oklahoma	Wayne Smith	Wayne Smith	4/9-4/19	36	12
Canton, North Carolina	Jess Stepp	Jess Stepp	4/1-4	3	1
Cardwelltown church, Saltville, Va.	Frank Thompson	Frank Thompson	5/20-	70	20
Hilltop church, Wewoka, Oklahoma	E. D. Swartz	Milton Hollifield	5/20-	15	
Greenville, N. C.	J. R. Hall	J. R. Hall	6/3-6/17		
Damascus church, DeKalb, Miss.	Floyd Cherry	Floyd Cherry	7/1-6		
Lee's Chapel church, Waynesboro, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	M. L. Hollis	7/8-13		
Pearce Chapel church, Smithville, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	M. L. Hollis	7/15-20		
Fawn Grove, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	M. L. Hollis	7/22-27		
Beaverdam church, Canton, N. C.	Ernest Strickland	Walter Carter	4/21-		
Winfield, Ala.	Harold Pitts	Othel T. Dixon	7/30-8/10		

Messages Will Magnify Christ

Five worship services, all built around the general program theme, "Christ Shall Be Magnified," will comprise the heart of the twentieth annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, according to an announcement by the program committee.

The convention will meet July 10-12 at Huntington, W. Va. The annual session will be preceded one day by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. The two conventions are expected to draw 2,000 people from 18 or 20 states. At least two states will be represented for the first time. These will be New Mexico, where a state association has been recently organized, and Maine. A Free Will Baptist church in Maine has already applied for representation.

The five speakers include three pastors, one of which is moderator of the conven-



CHARLES A. THIGPEN

All former moderators of the National Association will be honored at a special service on Wednesday morning. They will be presented with specially designed certificates for their services in years past. All of the moderators are living. They include John L. Welch, James F. Miller, J. R. Davidson, L. C. Johnson, Floyd B. Cherry, N. Bruce Barrow, and Edward E. Morris.

The emphasis of the morning service will be on denominational unity. The keynote is "All One Body We," with the scripture from Philippians 1:27, "Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." The message for this service will be brought by Rev. John L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn., who was the first moderator of the National Association

of Free Will Baptists. He will speak on "One in Hope and Doctrine."

Time will be taken out of the Wednesday afternoon business session for "Moments of Christian Challenge" with a message by Dr. Ivan L. Bennett. After retiring from the army chaplaincy as a major general, Dr. Bennett accepted an appointment from the American Bible Society to head its Washington office. He will speak on "Our Obligation to the Young People Who Serve in the Armed Forces."

The Wednesday evening service will give emphasis to the denominational missionary program and will be under the direction of the foreign and home missions departments. It will be preceded by a special missionary prayer meeting at 6 p.m. at the Thomas Memorial church. Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional secretary for home missions will lead this service. The regular



WILLARD C. DAY

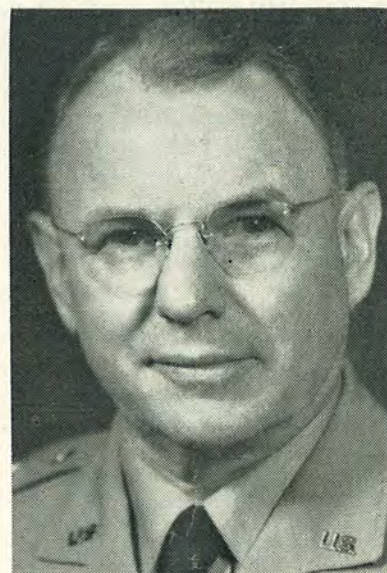
tion, a retired major general in the United States Army who is a former Chief of Chaplains, and a missionary speaker.

The program will open on Tuesday evening, July 10, with the keynote message being brought by Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Thigpen is pastor of the Highland Park church there and is serving his second year as moderator of the convention. Keynote for the opening session is "To Him All Majesty Ascribe," with the scripture coming from Colossians 1:18, "And he is the head of the body, the church . . . that in all things he might have the preeminence."

Mr. Thigpen will speak on the subject, "The Preeminent Christ." The same team of musicians who directed the convention music last year will be featured again this year. They are Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley and Mrs. Raymond Riggs.



JOHN L. WELCH



IVAN L. BENNETT

service in the main auditorium will be under the direction of Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary for foreign missions.

A capacity attendance of some 2,000 is expected for this service. It will be "C" night for the churches in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia and all of them are urged to send a caravan of cars to the service. Foreign and home missionaries who will be appearing on the program include Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Miss Lucy Wisehart, Benito Rodriguez, Melitino Martinez, Estenio Garcia, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong, and Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Lee, Jr.

Keynote for this service is "To Every Kindred, Every Tribe," with the scripture from Isaiah 66:19, "I will send those . . . unto the nations . . . to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have

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Prayer Vigil Proclaimed During Annual Session

Prayer will play a major part in the annual convention, according to the program committee. Two special prayer meetings have been scheduled to point up the importance and need of God's blessings on the convention sessions and the denominational work.

One of these will be a special missionary prayer service on Wednesday evening preceding the regular service. The service will be held at 6 p.m. under the direction of Rev. Damon C. Dodd. The other is an all-night prayer vigil which has been scheduled for Tuesday night following the regular convention session.

Both of these special services will be held at the Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist church, rather than at the convention auditorium.

The all-night prayer vigil will begin at 10:30 p.m. Pastors from 15 states will lead different parts of the service. They will each conduct a half-hour portion. The night's vigil will close with a sunrise prayer service at 6:30 a.m. led by Rev. Thomas H. Willey which everyone is urged to attend.

"We are not asking anyone to spend the entire night in prayer unless they feel so led, but we are urging every minister, delegate and visitor to arise during the night and go to the church for a season of prayer," Rev. W. S. Mooneyham said. He added that the aim was to have a group in prayer at all times during the night.

"As Jacob wrestled until daybreak for his greatest blessing, so may we lay hold of the 'horns of the altar' during this night of prayer," Mr. Mooneyham said. "It may well be that this could be a dramatic turning point in our denominational history as we seek God's face."

The schedule of those who will lead in the service is as follows:

- 10:30—Rev. M. L. Hollis, Mississippi
- 11:00—Rev. Ernest M. Kennedy, Oklahoma
- 11:30—Rev. W. B. Hughes, Florida
- 12:00—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Tennessee
- 12:30—Rev. L. C. Pinson, New Mexico
- 1:00—Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Missouri
- 1:30—Rev. T. O. Terry, North Carolina
- 2:00—Rev. Carl Vallance, West Virginia
- 2:30—Rev. Claude Childers, Illinois
- 3:00—Rev. H. L. Knighton, Georgia
- 3:30—Rev. Wade Jernigan, California
- 4:00—Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Arkansas
- 4:30—Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Alabama
- 5:00—Rev. William Buster, South Carolina
- 5:00—Rev. John Floyd, Sr., North Carolina
- 6:00—Rev. M. L. Sutton, Texas
- 6:30—Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Cuba



CITY AUDITORIUM, HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

General Information Is Listed for Those Who Will Attend Convention

The city auditorium in Huntington where the sessions of the convention will be held is on the second floor of the municipal building shown above. The auditorium will seat approximately 1,800 people.

Following is some general information which will be of interest to those who will be attending the convention:

Registration

Registration tables will be located at the front entrance in the lobby of the municipal building. Everyone should register. There is no registration fee and name badges will be given all who fill out a registration card. All delegates and ministers will need a

badge identifying them as being eligible to vote. Those who register will also receive a courtesy parking sticker which will be honored on out-of-town cars by the police.

Day Nurseries

Three day nurseries are recommended for those parents who wish to leave their children during the sessions. These are Willa L. Farley, 1100 Marcum Terrace; Kiwanis Day Nursery, 71 Fourth Ave. West, and Langdon's Children Center, 1244 Fifth Ave.

The parents will be responsible for making their own arrangements with the day nurseries.

Offerings

All offerings taken during the convention will go into the general treasury of the National Association to help defray the many expenses necessary to promote the convention. Any individual or church wishing to make a special offering to any other cause may do so by leaving it at the exhibit table of the department for which the contribution is intended.

Exhibits

Many fine exhibits may be seen in the lobby and hall of the building. Some of the material will be for sale, but there will also be a wealth of free material and information available at these exhibit booths. Visit all of them during the convention.

General Board

The General Board of the National Association will open its sessions at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Prichard Hotel. All members should be present.

Pray for Huntington

The Executive Committee has called for a special "Pray for Huntington" prayer meeting in all Free Will Baptist churches on Wednesday night, July 4. Pastors and prayer meeting leaders are urged to make their mid-week service a convention prayer meeting, with thousands of prayers going up to the throne of grace for the services to be held in Huntington the next week.

This issue of *Contact* will suggest many things to pray for in connection with the convention and the denominational program. Pastors are also urged to set up in their churches, before they leave for the convention, either cottage or combined prayer meetings on Tuesday night, July 10, in connection with the all-night prayer vigil which will be held in Huntington.



Prichard Hotel Will Be Convention Headquarters

The Prichard Hotel (shown above) will serve as convention headquarters for the National Association. The management is providing a number of committee rooms and a convention office, and those writing for reservations are asked to give first consideration to this hotel.

It is located just a block and a half from the auditorium and is convenient to all the downtown facilities. The local committee has suggested that since parking space in town may present a problem, those who stay in hotels will be able to park their cars in the hotel parking lots and walk both to the sessions and for meals.

A convention office will be maintained at the Prichard all day during the sessions. It will be equipped to handle any mail or phone calls coming in for those attending the convention. Delegates are welcome to use any of the facilities of this office.

Hotel accommodations as listed by the Chamber of Commerce are as follows:

Prichard Hotel

Single rooms, \$4.50-\$6; double rooms, \$6.50-\$8; twin bedrooms, \$8.50-\$11; suites, \$13-\$20. (Add \$1 for air conditioning).

Governor Cabell Hotel

Single rooms, \$4-\$8; double rooms, \$6-\$10; twin bedrooms, \$7.50-\$9. (Add \$1 for air conditioning).

Frederick Hotel

Single rooms, \$3; double rooms, \$8; twin bedrooms, \$9; suites, \$10-\$15. (Add \$1 for air conditioning.)

Fifth Avenue Hotel

Single rooms, \$2.75; double rooms, \$4.50; twin bedrooms, \$6. (Add \$1 for air conditioning.)

Huntington Hotel

Single rooms, \$3; double rooms, \$5; twin bedrooms, \$6.

Committee Members

The state conventions of Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia, as well as the city of Huntington, will be hosts to the National Association. Various committees from the tri-state area have been working on the arrangements. The members are as follows: *Housing*—Rev. Carl Vallance, Rev. J. M. Henson, Rev. Caudle Adkins; *Transportation*—Rev. Forrest Chamberlain, Rev. Dewey Gillespie, Rev. Russell Milam; *Publicity*—G. E. Ratliff, Rev. F. S. Vanhooose, Rev. Homer Willis.

Milner Hotel

Single rooms, \$2.75; double rooms, \$3.75; twin bedrooms, \$4.

Recommended tourist courts are as follows:

Four-in-One Modern Motel

4850 Route 60 East
22 rooms. Rates from \$6.

Gateway Motel

6007 Route 60 East
19 units. Rates from \$6.

Stone Lodge Motel

5600 Route 60 East
30 rooms. Rates from \$6.

Robinson's Lakeside Inn

3325 Route 60 East
19 units. Rates from \$5.

Washington Avenue Motel

1056 Washington Avenue
15 rooms. Rates from \$3.50.

Messages

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seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory."

Rev. Willard C. Day, pastor of Lewis Avenue church, Tulsa, Okla., will preach the final sermon on Thursday morning. His subject will be "Retaining Our Attainments." Keynote for the service is "Onward Then, Ye People," with the scripture coming from 2 Samuel 5:24, "When thou hearest the sound of a going . . . that shalt bestir thyself; for then shall the Lord go out before thee."

An important business session is scheduled for Thursday afternoon. Besides several board reports, the reports of all temporary committees and the budget committee will be given. Other business includes selecting a site for the 1957 convention and the election of officers. Final adjournment is set for 3:45 p.m.

What's Your Problem?

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- Q. Can one receive forgiveness on a death bed?
- A. Jesus said in John 6:37 . . . "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." If a person is able to come to God, that is, if he is rational, has his thinking faculties, and will confess his sins and by faith receive Jesus as Lord, it makes no difference when or where—death bed included—he will be saved.

HUNTINGTON'S TRI-STATE AIRPORT



The city of Huntington is served by three airlines at the tri-state airport, 8 miles from the city auditorium. Eastern Air Lines provides five flights daily via Boston, New York, Washington, Louisville, St. Louis, Chicago, and Charlotte. Piedmont Airlines provides nine flights from Cincinnati to Norfolk and from Cincinnati to the Carolinas. Allegheny Airlines with six flights daily provides direct service to Pittsburgh and the Eastern Seaboard.

Highway mileage from Huntington to Nashville is 375; St. Louis, 483; Miami, 1,225; Louisville, 224; Detroit, 328; Chicago, 460; Atlanta, 576.